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AFL Chief "Shocked" By Congress Action But Assures President AFL Will Cooperate For Victory

A feature of the affair was the presentation to AFL Secretary-Executive George Meany of a check for \$625,000, representing the proceeds of the sale of the building. It was given by the New York Central Trades and Labor Council. This money, and additional funds, Meany said, will be turned over to the Treasury Department to help defray the cost of the chase of the Flying Potters. He called the "Spirit of the A. F. of L." the "most important factor in the Central Trades and Labor Council's fight against the Flying Potters," and said with Indrzej Nager, chairman of the committee, and other speakers in paying tribute to the "American spirit" that he was "a specimen of human life as born at the 14th convention of the AFL in Seattle."

Meany said it would better symbolize the life work of Louis D. Brandeis, who died last week, than the thousands of suffering and oppressed refugees who will be able to secure freedom and a new life "in a free land," he said.

Meany said the "undiscoverable" purpose of the American Federation of Labor is to obtain a hard and fast peace treaty, and to end the war as close to the present time as possible, so that the American people can return to the peaceful homeland, that free land of the future, we hope.

Indrzej Nager said the "American spirit" was playing a leading part.